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Note: Email gsmlministry@gmail.com to book a Theology of the Body Workshop for your Parish or Group.

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Don't forget to join our Theology of the Body Study Group:

Every Monday morning from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at St. Bernadette's

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Parish Hall, 21
Bayly St. Ajax

"But sanctify the Lord
God in your hearts, and
always be ready to give
a defense to everyone
who asks you a reason
for the hope that is in
you, with meekness and
fear;" 1 Peter 3:15

*A Theology of the
Body Workshop
would help your
parish or group
grow in the
knowledge of their
Faith.*

Let's give our teens an
opportunity to discover
the truths.

Contact: Rose and Pat
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We are now booking into 2016.

Toronto's Cardinal, Thomas Collins stated: [John Paul II] "*His teachings, and especially his Theology of the Body, are a permanent gift of immense benefit to us all. I earnestly invite everyone to study prayerfully the teachings of Pope John Paul, especially the Theology of the Body. -We need very much in these days to deepen our awareness of the dignity of the human person, and Pope John Paul helps us to do that.*" - Address of Archbishop Thomas Collins - 32nd Annual Archbishop's Dinner, Oct 27, 2011

To read the full address [click here](#)

GSML News

Theology of the Body Study Group

Our group will be studying, *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of the Civilization of Love* by Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus and Eduardo Chavez. The authors trace the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe from the sixteenth century to the present, and discuss how her message was and continues to be an important catalyst for religious and cultural transformation.

Looking at Our Lady of Guadalupe as a model of the Church, and Juan Diego as a model for all Christians who seek to answer Christ's call of conversion and witness, the authors explore the changing face of the Catholic Church in North, Central, and South America, and they show how Our Lady of Guadalupe's message was not only historically significant, but how it speaks to contemporary issues confronting the American continents and people today. Please join us on Mondays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St. Ajax.

The Fight For Your Child's Soul

Parents - the battle is not over. You need to equip yourself with the tools to help your child resist the pull of the world and put on the armour of God.

Here are some workshops that help you equip your child against the world's message of morbidity:

For Parents:

- **Guiding Your Child Through the Sexual Minefield**

**We have held over
20 Theology of the
Body for Teens
Workshops and
Classroom
Sessions**

This parent workshop covers all ages from Toddlers to Teens with the final talk on dating.

- ***Girl Talk***

This workshop is for mothers and daughters workshop. Provides information on the fundamentals of young girls' cycles in the presence of their mothers; to facilitate mother-daughter communication in this delicate area; to support parents in their task of educating their daughters in Christian sexuality.

For Children and Teens

Parents you can encourage the school to invite us to your child's school or ask your pastor to plan one of these workshops in your parish

- ***Theology of the Body for Grade School—Gr 6-8***

This program uses a dynamic mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and relevant references to the culture, all packed into eight life-changing lessons.

- ***Theology of the Body and Confirmation***

The goal of the workshop for those approaching confirmation is to reinforce the teaching on the Gifts of The Holy Spirit and the good that comes from them, and how we act them out in the language of our bodies to live a life of chastity.

- ***Theology of the Body for Teens***

Using a great mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and references to the culture that teens understand, this program takes the two hottest topics on the planet—God and sex—and "marries" them through Pope John Paul II's compelling vision for love and life

For Young Adults

- ***Theology of the Body for Young Adults***

In this powerful five-part study video study for young adults, popular author and presenter Christopher West lays out a convincing and refreshing road map to living a life of freedom. The concepts presented in this study will change everything, including your worldview.

Dynamic Women of Faith

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday March 19, 2016 in Toronto

Speakers include:

- Anne Jamieson
- Deacon McManaman
- Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, author, EWTN TV host,
- Sister Maria Kateri , Sisters of Life
- Dorothy Pilarski

GIRLS EVENT TOO! "Amazing, inspiring, powerful day!"

<http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/> or call 905 279-7702

John Paul II Polish Cultural Center (4300 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga -- Beside St. Maximilian Kolbe Church)

AN EVENING OF SHORT
HIGH POWERED TALKS ·

- Meet New People
- Learn The Truth
- Talk About It
- Have Fun
- Discover Who You Are
- Avoid Mistakes
- Improve Your Relationships

Calling All Girls

Friday March 18, 2016 – 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Markland Wood Golf Club (245 Markland Dr., Toronto, Ont)

TOPICS

- Boyfriend? No Boyfriend?
- Overcome the Fear of Saying YES!
- Seize the Gift of Time
- What Do I Do With My Life?

SPEAKERS

- Kasia Kazanowski
- Karen Keays
- Dorothy Pilarski
- Margaret-Hope McDermott

Register at <http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

For more information [click here](#)
newevangelizationsummit.ca

Cost \$130.00

Location The Westin
Hotel, 11 Colonel By
Drive in Ottawa.

Second New Evangelization Summit

April 15-16, 2016 in Ottawa, ON

and broadcast to host sites throughout North America

An international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the New Evangelization

This two day conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the

Dates and times

Friday, April 15: 7:00–9:30pm (EST). Check-in starts at 4pm.

Saturday, April 16:
8:45am–4:30pm.

New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church.

The annual NES will be held in Ottawa and streamed to 29 host-sites. The broadcasting of the event will provide a way for Catholics from around North America to participate in the Summit. Thus approximately 5000 like minded Catholics from across the continent will be united in one goal – to be formed as evangelists and be part of a network of Catholic evangelists.

Speakers include:

- Sherry Weddell
- Christopher West
- Dr. Peter Kreeft
- Angele Regnier
- Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa
- Bishop Christian Riesbeck
- Michael Dopp

For more information [click here](#)

Singles, engaged couples, married couples, and youth 18+ are encouraged to attend.

"Discovering the Master Plan for your Life"

MERCIFUL REDEEMER PARISH

2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga, ON L5M 5W2

A 4 week DVD presentation & discussion series beginning after Easter

Tuesdays 7:30pm to 9:30pm

April 5th to April 26th 2016

Cost \$20 per person (includes workbook) or \$25 per couple

For information and pre-registration, contact:

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A Guide To Theology Of The Body Resources For Parishes And Individuals

Tap into the knowledge that lets us better understand the human person - Emily Stimpson OSV Newsweekly

The word "theology" has something of a bad rap in our postmodern world. For many a soul, it conjures up images of dusty books, dry speculation and generously proportioned friars debating the number of angels who can dance upon the head of a pin.

To a certain extent, theology has earned that reputation. It can and has been made deadly dull by those who make a living by it.

But theology isn't just the province of priests and scholars. The word "theology" literally means "the study of God." And since God calls all his children to study him (as part of that whole "know, love and serve God" thing), studying theology is likewise something he calls all his children to do.

To read more and discover all the resources [click here](#).

"A clean heart create for me, God." (Ps 51:12)

The content of the statement is also broad because of the multifaceted nature of this topic. It is structured as follows:

- An overview of the Church's teaching on sexuality, the human person, and chastity
- An explanation of why pornography is sinful and harmful
- A survey of the wide-reaching effects of pornography in our culture
- A closer look at the effects of pornography on men, women, young people, and children
- A word of hope and healing to those harmed by

Create in Me a Clean Heart

A Pastoral Response to Pornography

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

"As pastors of the Catholic Church, we offer this statement to give a word of hope and healing to those who have been harmed by pornography and to raise awareness of its pervasiveness and harms. In the confessional and in our daily ministry and work with families, we have seen the corrosive damage caused by pornography—children whose innocence is stolen; men and women who feel great guilt and shame for viewing pornography occasionally or habitually; spouses who feel betrayed and traumatized; and men, women and children exploited by the pornography industry.

While the production and use of pornography has always been a problem, in recent years its impact has grown exponentially, in large part due to the Internet and mobile technology. Some have even described it as a public health crisis. Everyone, in some way, is affected by increased pornography use in society. We all suffer negative consequences from its distorted view of the human person and sexuality. As bishops, we are called to proclaim anew the abundant mercy and healing of God found in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and through his Church."...

<p>pornography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An appendix with a link to targeted resources for particular audiences 	<p>To read or print the whole document click here</p> <p>Other Resources Related to the Pastoral Response click here.</p>
	<p>Just for Girls/Just for Guys 2015-16</p> <p>This trendy, double-sided flip magazine for teens presents the importance of abstinence until marriage. It covers a wide-variety of topics on sex, dating, and healthy relationships. You know teens will read both sides!</p> <p>16 pages. For more information click here</p> <p>To view a PDF copy, click here.</p>
	<p>Theology of the Body is the Answer ToB Training for Teens, Young Adults, Parents, Teachers, Catechists...</p> <p>Why is John Paul II’s life-changing teaching “The Theology of the Body” the answer to today’s hottest issues? Theology of the Body IS the New Evangelization and...the New Catechesis! Today’s culture is all about the body, beauty, sex, love & relationships. Did you know that God and the Church are, too? When the Church doesn’t evangelize the culture, the culture evangelizes the Church. Know your stuff.</p> <p>St. Bernadette's Family Resource Center Every Saturday of April 2016 (9:30 to 4:30 pm) 3100 Weston Rd, North York, ON (416)654-9810</p> <p>For more information or to register click here</p>
<p><i>"In the face of the prospect of an ever more extended multi-cultural environment, attitudes must be assumed of mutual respect to foster encounter..."</i></p> <p><i>"Today more than ever it is necessary to illumine peoples' journey with Christian principles, taking the opportunities that the present</i></p>	<p>The New Evangelization and Higher Education: The Vision of Pope Francis</p> <p><i>"May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged..." —Pope Francis</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardinal Donald Wuerl Bishop Robert Barron Dr. Carolyn Woo <p>May 23 – 25, 2016</p>

situation offers to develop an evangelization that, with new language, renders Christ's message more comprehensible."

—Pope Francis

Saint Vincent College
300 Fraser Purchase Rd, Latrobe, Pennsylvania

For more information [click here](#)

John Paul II International Film Festival - 2015

- **Adrenaline**

An illegal street racer has to learn to walk, trust, love and race again after an accident.

- **Angel of Nanjing**

Chen Si has saved over 300 people who have tried to jump off a bridge in China.

- **Between Allah & Me (and Everyone Else)**

Four Canadians contemplate wearing hijab and discuss its effects on Muslim women.

- **Dar He: The Lynching of Emmett Till**

His death was a spark that ignited the Civil Rights Movement in America

- **Desire of the Everlasting Hills**

Three Catholics try to navigate the waters of homosexuality, faith, and self-understanding.

- **Full of Grace**

Follow Mary of Nazareth in her last earthly days as she helps the early fractious Church.

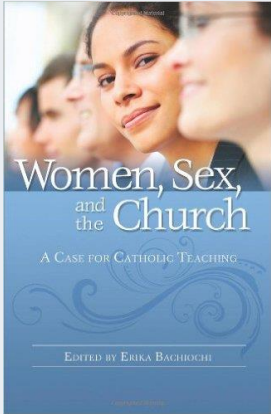
For more information [click here](#)

Recommended Reading

Women, Sex, and the Church: A Case for Catholic Teaching

by Erika Bachiochi (Editor)

The contributors to *Women, Sex, and the Church* challenge the common misconception that Catholic teachings are anti-women and anti-sex. Instead, these women explore precisely how controversial teachings on abortion, sex,

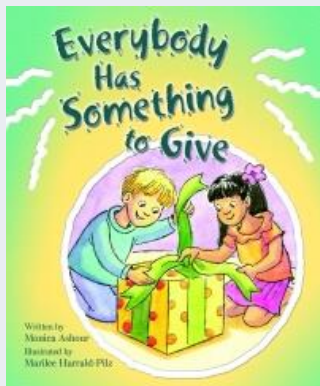


marriage, contraception, and reproductive technologies evidence the Church's love of women. The timely issues of the priesthood, balancing work and family, and the intersection of Catholic sexual and social ethics are also discussed.

The contributors to this text rely on biological, sociological, and medical evidence, combined with personal anecdotes and experience, to defend difficult Church teaching—all from a pro-woman perspective.

- Includes contributions from nine different women of various backgrounds and professions
- Ideal for those who wish to strengthen their knowledge of Catholic social teaching in order to support the Church

What a good idea!



**From the: Building Blocks of
Tob for Kids Series**

Donate Catholic Books to Catholic School Libraries

Every Body Has Something to Give

by Monica Ashour

Introduce children to the beauty of giving and receiving. *Everybody Has Something to Give* affirms the dignity of every person in a fun and creative way, and teaches children how our bodies help us to give of ourselves, receive others, and open our hearts to Jesus.

About this Series:

"Who am I?" is a question everyone asks, even the very young.

Saint John Paul II spoke at length about this question in writings and teachings we now call the theology of the body. In a culture of confused and misdirected values, it is difficult to raise children to understand that they are created in the image of God. These books give parents and teachers a place to begin.

Building Blocks of TOB for Kids seeks to affirm the dignity of the human person — body and soul — according to God's plan. Simple stories cover topics including gender identity, body language, and self-giving love.

Ideal for ages 4–7.

St. Joseph's Health Centre 30 The Queensway (Education Centre A, #1B 105A), Toronto - Initial presentation: 1st Tuesday, each month at 8 p.m.

St. Patrick Church 921 Flagship Dr., Mississauga - Initial presentation: 2nd Thursday, each month at 8 p.m.

Mary of the People Church 570 Marion Ave., Oshawa - Initial presentation: 2nd Tuesday, each month at 8 p.m.

Natural Family Planning is not only a valuable tool for married couples, but all women can use it to monitor their health.

10 Advantages of the Billings Ovulation Method™

In this day and age you may be wondering why you would use a natural method of managing your fertility like the Billings Ovulation Method™. After all, if you're having difficulty conceiving you could use technologies like IVF. And if, on the other hand, you want to prevent pregnancy there are many different methods of contraception you can get from your doctor or pharmacy. But sometimes it's the simple things in life that can make all the difference, even in our high-tech world! Whether you want to achieve pregnancy or to prevent it, here are some really good reasons to choose the Billings Ovulation Method™: To read the reason [click here](#).



Natural Family Planning Association

toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca

The teachers of the Natural Family Planning Association provide this valuable education at no charge, as described in our mission statement:

The mission of the Natural Family Planning Association is to teach the Billings Ovulation Method of family planning while promoting an understanding and appreciation of fertility that reflects Catholic teachings as outlined in *Humanae Vitae*. We serve the entire community regardless of religious background: single women, married and engaged couples, adolescents as well as those who provide teaching and counseling to them.

Visit our website for news, and resources for:

- Teachers
- Parents
- Teens
- Articles
- Books
- Websites
- And more

God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry

Our Ministry is approved by The Archdiocese of Toronto and has presented over thirty Workshops on Saint Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body in Parishes in the Toronto Archdiocese. As well, in the fall of 2009, we organized and held a Theology of the Body Conference in Toronto. This conference was

attended by over 1000 people. At the same time, we facilitated a Luncheon meeting on this same topic for Priests and Seminarians with over 120 in attendance. We have held over twenty Theology of the Body for Teens workshops and have been invited into four high schools to provide a session on the Theology of the Body in the Classroom. We have also held workshops for Parents.

Please keep GSML Ministry in your prayers

Contact information: gsmlministry@gmail.com

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God, Sex and the Meaning of Life Ministry has Toronto Archdiocesan approval

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